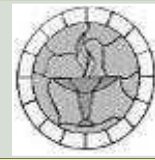




BRANCHES



PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Affirming and promoting the inherent worth and dignity of every person since 1954

September 2013

SUNDAYS at 10:00 am

Nursery Care in Room 5 from 9:45-12:45

Refreshments and Fellowship after the service

Adult Enrichment Hour from 11:45-12:45 - Childcare until 12:45

Families with young children are invited to sit in front for a better view until the Sing-away Song.

SEPTEMBER 1

LEADING FROM THE HEART: A NEW VISION FOR LEADERSHIP AT PBUUC

Michel Léger, Worship Leader, with Jonathan Mawdsley, Worship Associate

Join former Board of Trustees Chair Michel Léger for an inquiry into the heart of leadership. How does leadership change when it proceeds from the heart of who we are, and from the heart of the work our church does? In this service, we will kick off the Church year's Curriculum in Leadership and invite PBUUCers to come and see what lies at the heart of their own leadership gifts. Last Summer Fun for children, with youth welcome to assist, after the Singaway Song.

SEPTEMBER 8

THE PLAYFUL SPIRIT OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM: INGATHERING SERVICE FOR ALL AGES WITH WATER COMMUNION

Rev. Diane Teichert and Dayna Edwards, Director of Religious Exploration

All Worship Associates, the Chalice Dancers, and the Choir

We rejoice to come together after summer's diversions! Join us to experience a taste of Spirit Play (see page 5) as we unpack Unitarian Universalism before your eyes and ears. Please bring a small amount of water representing your summer's meaningful story (for newcomers or those who forget, pitchers of water will be available). Stay for the Welcome Party for Dayna Edwards after the service!

* SEPTEMBER 15

SO MANY WINDOWS

Reverend Diane Teichert, Minister, Worship Associates Bettie Young and Mary Wester

And Dayna Edwards, Director of Religious Exploration

In our faith tradition, the cathedral image – “many windows, one light” – represents the diversity of the world's religions. Today we'll explore and celebrate how we at PBUUC draw from varied sources and differ in our theologies. Plan to stay for the Involvements Fair during Coffee Hour to explore the many ways to participate in PBUUC life!

* SEPTEMBER 22

SO MANY CAUSES

Rev. Diane Teichert with Worship Associates Jonathan Mawdsley and Noel Monardes, and the Choir

In our faith tradition, the motto “deeds not creeds” is a call to action. Today we'll explore and celebrate how we find grounding and energy for the work of love and justice in our world. This is Signing Sunday – for those who are ready to sign the PBUUC Membership Book, meet the Minister and Board member at the chalice after the service. Parents, please attend the Orientation to Spirit Play during Enrichment Hour – childcare provided.

SEPTEMBER 29

GUEST PREACHER, REV. DAVID CARL OLSON

With Worship Associate Ken Redd, and the Choir

On this fifth Sunday of the month, the ministers of PBUUC and First Unitarian in Baltimore are swapping pulpits. The sermon topic and other information will be forthcoming. A Special Collection will be taken for the Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland (see page 4).

*** THESE SERVICES WILL BE GREAT FOR NEWCOMERS – BRING A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR!**

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PBUUC Leadership Directory

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Jonathan Mawdsley (2012-15)	Mary Wester (2013-16)
Noel Monardes (2013-16)	Bettie Young (2012-15)

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Arts Council	Pat Tompkins (Music)
Auction	Jane Trout (Visual Arts)
Budget Leadership Team	Mark Shute
Buildings & Grounds	TBD
Capital Campaign	Lowell Owens (Acting)
DARTT (co-chairs)	Peter Wathen-Dunn
Denominational Affairs	Tricia Most & Carol Carter Walker
Electronic Communications	Don Gerson (Acting)
Ethnic Dinners	TBD
Finance	Marilyn Pearl
Green Team (co-chairs)	Shantida
Legacy Fund	Penny O'Brien & Will Snyder
Membership	Ken Montville
Ministry	Polly Pettit
Nominating	John Bartoli
Personnel	TBD
Religious Exploration (co-chairs)	Jim Flaherty
Site Improvement	Tabitha Pierzchala & Elizabeth Porter
Social Action	TBD
Spirit of Life Center	Nancy Boardman
Stewardship	Raman Pathik
	TBD

☞ Groups and Activities ☞

Archivist	Vacant
Bridge Group	Penny O'Brien
Chalice Dancers	Wendy Schlegel
Choir	David Chapman
Coffee Coordinator	Charles Towe
Community Café	Esther Nichols
Food for Thought	Mary Tyrtle Rooker
Gift Card Sales	Vacant
Handcraft Circle	Marj Donn
Listserv & Facebook Group	Ken Montville
Marriage Enrichment	Don Fairfield
Mediation Program	David Haberman & Barbara Fairfield
Men's Group	Peter Wathen-Dunn
Men's Retreat	Michel Léger
Moms of Young Ones	Renée Katz
Mystery Book Club	Kathy Kearns
Nature Spirituality Circle	Tabitha Pierzchala
Quest Discussion Group	Lowell Owens
Poetry Out Loud	Shantida
Shamanic Journeying	Mary Tyrtle Rooker
Simplicity Circle	Raman Pathik
SINKS and DINKS	Kathy Kearns & Jan Montville
Spirituality Circle	Amy Steiner
Tutoring Program	Carmelita Carter-Sykes
TWedHUULK	Marge Owens
Ushers	Esther Nichols
Warm Nights	Sabrina Finlay
Webmaster	Mark Shute
Welcome Table Greeters	Carol Carter Walker
Women's Group	Wendy Schlegel
Women's Retreat	Wendy Schlegel

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Minister	Rev. Diane Teichert
Music Director & Pianist	David Chapman
Director of Religious Exploration	Dayna Edwards
Youth Coordinator	vacant
Director, Chalice Dancers	Sharon Werth
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	Jesse Crowley
	Wyatt Rexach
Child Care Providers:	Beth Judy
	Marina Miguel

The Minister's mUUsings...

“This is the beginning. Almost anything can happen.”

These are the first two lines of a poem that I like by Billy Collins. “Aristotle” has three sections: beginning, middle and end, each rich with images that convey the passage of time. The middle section starts, “This is the middle. Things have had time to get complicated, messy, really. Nothing is simple anymore.” The third section opens, “And this is the end, the car running out of road, the river losing its name in an ocean...”

September is beginning, middle *and* end. It's the beginning of the school and church year. It's the middle – well, somewhat past middle - of the calendar year. And, in September, summer ends, as does - this year anyway - the Jewish year. But, then a new year for Jews also begins at Rosh Hashanah, as does autumn. September is beginning, middle and end.

But, mainly, I think of September as the beginning. When I was a child, we always got new sneakers for the start of the school year, to keep in our school desks for gym class. We brought them home in June, probably already out-grown, and wore them all summer. Back in the day, sneakers were made of canvass, and had shoelaces, and girls were required to have white ones for gym.

What does September mean to you? What do you conjure up when you think of September?

To me, it means a fresh start. A chance to start out in an organized fashion. The exciting potential of new friendships. The hope that the teacher would be nice. New sneakers.

There's a song in *Singing the Journey*, the teal songbook, that I like, “We Begin Again in Love.” It reminds us that

new beginnings are possible, for as long as we live. It is always possible to “begin again in love.” It's always an option, albeit sometimes very hard to choose, to “forgive ourselves and each other” and “begin again in love.” The traditions of Judaism make the choice easier: in the ten Days of Awe after Rosh Hashanah, Jews reflect on the year past and make whatever apologies still need to be made before Yom Kippur, a day of atonement, fasting and joy.

I and most readers of these musings have outlived the beginning. Life has already become “complicated, messy, really.” It takes courage to sort out and work through what is no longer simple, but let us ask ourselves, “Before the river of my life (my “one wild and precious life,” to quote another poet, Mary Oliver) runs nameless into the ocean, or before another new year has begun, with whom do I need to “begin again in love”?

“Almost anything can happen.” But if we act in love, what happens is likely to be good.

Hoping to see you on Ingathering Sunday (September 8) and thereafter,

Diane

PS - On Ingathering Sunday, please bring a small amount of water for our annual Water Communion, symbolizing something meaningful about your summer – it can be from ocean, river, stream or pool, your backyard faucet or kitchen sink.

PPS - Newcomers are invited to join me for an informal gathering in my office on Sunday, October 5 from 11:30 to 12:30 with child care provided in Room 5.

Wheel of Life

Our hearts go out in sorrow to...

... Pat Tompkins whose husband, Charles, died early on August 10 at Anne Arundel Medical Center. A memorial service will be held at PBUUC on Sunday, October 13.

... Don Gerson and Emma Sue Gaines-Gerson. Their twenty-seven year old grandson Jayme, who lived with them for almost ten years, took his own life in early August, just as it seemed his future was very bright.

Our hearts share in the joy of...

... Monica Aribildo and Ethan Anna, son of Brenda and Skip Anna, who were wed on August 10 in the Meeting House with Diane officiating.

If you are in need of practical assistance (such as rides, meals, visits, or phone conversation), please contact **Esther Nichols**, the **We Care Coordinator for September**.



Meet the Guest Preacher for September 29th

On Sunday September 29, our guest preacher will be the Rev. David Carl Olson, Minister of First Unitarian Church of Baltimore, where Rev. Teichert will be leading worship on that day in an old-fashioned pulpit swap. Rev. Olson serves on the board of the Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland, the recipient of our Special Collection for September, and heads up its LGBTQ advocacy efforts especially regarding rights and protections for transgender people. He previously served UU congregations in Flint, Michigan and Boston, Massachusetts.

Olson founded, with others, two congregation-based community organizations in Boston, Massachusetts and Flint, Michigan, and has served on the national steering committees of the UU Latino/a Networking Association and the US-Cuba Sisters Cities Association.

Rev. Olson's first career was in theater - as an actor, singer, vocal coach, and producing director of Little Flags Theater in Roxbury, Massachusetts; he made frequent guest appearances on other stages throughout New England. He has appeared in talking books published by Houghton Mifflin Company, and in an American Public Radio special.

SUNDAY NOTES

Sermons

Diane's sermons can be found on PBUUC.org/sermon archives in the week following and in the sermon display in the Meeting House Foyer on the Sunday following. To show appreciation for the volunteers in our Religious Exploration Program who miss the sermon because they are with our children and youth in the RE Building, she provides copies for them to pick up from the RE display area in the Hospitality Room on the morning the sermon is preached.

Parking Problems

The good news is that we run out of parking spaces on some Sundays! The bad news is that we run out of parking on some Sundays! Especially Sundays when the choir sings.

If you are the first to park in an area, to conserve space, please park at its edge. If you are able, please park in the farthest locations to leave the closer ones for those less able or encumbered with children or supplies.

Other parking locations: across the street at Hillhaven Nursing Home (but be careful crossing), on the service road that parallels Powder Mill Road (there's a path through the brush to our parking lot), and on Borneale Drive behind the RE Building (access from Boxer Road or Cherry Hill Road).

Board of Trustees Column

The Board Beat, September 2013:

Another month has past and we are nearing the end of our summer vacations and lazy but surprisingly not very hot days. I hope we have all had some time to unwind and recharge. Though this season is typically a slow time it has not been a typical summer at PBUUC. As you can see and feel, literally beneath your feet, the deck repairs are nearing completion and we remain grateful to the Jenkins and Martinez donation which allowed this much delayed and needed repair. I cannot thank those individuals enough who have spent countless hours and immeasurable energy repairing this necessary piece of infrastructure. As we go forward I hope we can redirect this energy toward more personally rewarding endeavors.

Financially speaking, we have some good news tempered by some bumps in the road. First the good news, we have just signed a lease with the Hope Christian Academy for the upcoming year that will partially fill a lingering gap in our operating budget and I anticipate will allow us to fund some neglected church priorities. A special thanks to Chuck Bury for proactively managing this lessee's inquiries and working closely with the board to move the process quickly in the last month. Though this is undeniably good news we remain at an operating budget that is below our historical levels and are hoping to build on the recent successes in our stewardship efforts to continue to fill this gap.

We have welcomed our new DRE and are expecting some exciting new changes in the RE program and have also welcomed a new administrative assistant and building manager to the staff. Finally, we have completed the leadership team of the BOT by electing this year's vice chairs, thanks to Alice Tyler and Don Mitchell for their continued commitment to the congregation by filling these important roles.

Please note that the Board of Trustees holds open Executive Committee meetings and Board of Trustees meetings. Typically the Executive Committee meeting, at which the agenda for the Board of Trustees meeting is finalized, is held on the third Tuesday of each month and the full Board of Trustees meeting is held in Room 4 of the RE Building on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The agenda is posted online during the week following the Executive Committee meeting.

We welcome visitors: if you wish to request that an item be added to the agenda, please let one of the co-Chairs, Charles Towe or Don Gerson or one of the Vice-Chairs know no later than the Monday before the Executive Committee meeting, or come to the Exec Com meeting; if you wish to observe or to speak to an item on the agenda, come to the BOT meeting itself. For more information about the experience of visiting the BOT meetings, see the following page on the PBUUC website: <http://www.pbuuc.org/bot/visitors.php>

Charles Towe & Don Gerson

Board of Trustees Co-Chairs

Religious Exploration

As PBUUC begins a new RE year, I begin my position as your new Director of Religious Exploration. It is tempting for me to list my qualifications and past experiences so that you have every confidence that I am qualified and capable of doing the job. However, I won't bore you with my resume (you can check out my bio on the website. I'd like, instead, to share with you some of my personal beliefs about Religious Exploration which inform the decisions I make and the interactions that we will have.

I believe that being a part of a religious exploration program is more than just a church "volunteer" position. In my view, RE facilitators, advisors, storytellers, doorkeepers, and assistants are spiritual leaders performing a necessary and vital ministry to our children and youth, and thus providing a ministry to our faith community. Guiding and influencing the spiritual lives of children is a spiritual practice that should bring as much meaning to the adult as it does to the child. Sure there are mundane tasks that need to be done, however, the opportunity for "ah ha" moments is available and reciprocal for both the student and the teacher.

I believe that religious exploration is more than just what happens on Sundays. Our RE program gets to interact with your children for four hours per month, if they have perfect attendance. The adults in their lives must reinforce, and live into the values that we teach on Sunday mornings. Parents, grandparents, cousins, aunts, and uncles all help us define and refine our spiritual identity. As the Director of Religious Exploration of your church, I am here to give you the resources and support you need, to have the spiritual conversations, tackle the difficult conversations, and nurture the spiritual growth of your children. My hope is that you will see me as a resource for the spiritual lives of your family.

I believe that community service and social justice are spiritual acts. My father is a union organizer and I grew up going to rallies, protests, and picket-lines. I have experienced, first hand, the magic that is a mobilized, committed group of individuals. Those early childhood experiences chanting "Equal Pay for Equal Work" and holding picket signs are the foundation of my spiritual identity. Today, that means that I integrate community service in to religious exploration as often as possible. While working on the children's religious programming in Annapolis, I transformed their summer RE program into a summer-long community service project in which the children raised almost \$700 for cancer research using a curriculum called Alex's Lemonade Stand. Look for similar types of projects to come to PBUUC as we re-vitalize, re-energize, and re-invigorate the RE program.

In closing, I want you to know that my door is open for discussion on any and all of these topics and more! I am so excited to be here and to be able to connect with each of you as we continue along our spiritual journeys together.

Dayna Edwards

Director of Religious Exploration

Upcoming Important RE Dates:

(all times are during Enrichment Hour unless otherwise noted)
 Sunday, August 25: Youth Advisor Orientation
 Sunday, September 1: Middle School Facilitator Orientation
 Sunday, September 15: Spirit Play Storyteller Orientation
 Sunday, September 22: Parent Orientation to Spirit Play

RE Announcements:

Storytellers Needed! Become a Spirit Play Storyteller. No experience necessary, all training provided. All you need is a desire to serve children ages 3-10 and a little creativity. Spirit Play is an easy to follow curriculum that promotes each child's "free and responsible search for truth and meaning." Contact Dayna Edwards for more information at dre@pbuuc.org

Spirit Play Parent Orientation: Attention parents of children ages 3-10. Your children will be participating in a Montessori-based RE program that is new to PBUUC: Spirit Play. Curious about how it works? Want to know what your child is doing while you're listening to the sermon? Join us for the Spirit Play Parent Orientation during the Enrichment Hour on Sunday, September 22.

RE Registration: Look for the 2013-2014 RE Registration to be available online starting September 8, 2013. Even if you've filled out a registration in the past, we ask that you complete the new online form. Thanks for helping us become "greener" by using less paper.

RE Classes for 2013-2014

Here is a brief description of what each age group will be doing in RE for the 2013-2014 Church Year.

Nursery: Children ages 0-3 enjoy a safe and nurturing environment in which they get to explore their world while cared for by two adults.

Spirit Play: Spirit Play will be taught in two rooms; one room for 3-6 year olds and one room for 6-10 year olds. Spirit Play is a Montessori-based religious exploration curriculum in which a story is told to the children using a "story box" with manipulatives that illustrate the story. Then, the children have an opportunity to respond to the story independently using artwork or they may work with a story from a prior Sunday. Children finish the time with a feasting, during which they share a small healthy snack.

Neighboring Faiths: Our middle-school-aged youth will be introduced to the faith traditions and practices of other religious groups in their community. Teachers and participants together plan their program, determining which religious groups they want to learn about, visit, and relate to their growing Unitarian Universalist faith.

Youth Group: The high-school-aged youth participate in a Youth Group. The year focuses on action and living out Unitarian Universalist principles. The youth are encouraged to take ownership of their activities and plan their year, guided by dedicated and trained youth advisors.



Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT)

CONTINUING OUR WALK TOGETHER

by Bekki Ow-Århus and Carol Carter Walker

Beginning With A Vision

In 2006, Paula Cole Jones, now Director for Racial and Social Justice for the Joseph Priestley District of the Unitarian Universalist Association

(UUA), met with UU ministers in the area. Our then co-ministers Barbara Wells and Jaco tenHove, committed to leading members of their congregation to take the steps necessary to become a truly welcoming, multiracial, multicultural community.

Throughout the 2006-2007 Church Year, Jaco met with the Board and many committees to build congregational support for this new focus. This ground work paid off with the Congregation voting to make anti-racism its major social justice initiative for the coming church year. In the fall of 2007 the Board of Trustees sent a letter to the entire PBUUC community, endorsing the initiative. The 2012 Board of Trustees reaffirmed its commitment to this focus with a new letter.

A group of members began meeting over the summer of 2007, with Marge Owens, then Social Action Committee Chair being the convener, to plan how to implement this focus. The Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT) was born from this group. Leo Jones served as its first Chair, followed by Tricia Most and Carol Carter Walker, current co-chairs, and a rotating group of DARTT CORE members and project leaders.

Diane Teichert, our minister, was drawn to PBUUC, in part because of its stated intention about becoming more diverse. Since her arrival in 2009, she has preached several sermons, collaborated on a highly successful workshop for congregational leaders as a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., event, won a grant to take our Director of Religious Exploration, Music Director, Chalice Dancers Artistic Director and a cadre of Worship Associates to a conference planned by one of the most prominent multicultural churches in the country. She has also attended anti-racism training sponsored by the UUA and the UU Ministers Association.

Since its inception, DARTT has consistently engaged the PBUUC community in projects and adventures geared at infusing multicultural values into the church community and into our individual lives. These activities have included (but are not limited to): planning and leading Summer Services, the annual Kwanzaa Service, film showings, diversity dialogues, book discussion groups, covenant groups, Enrichment Hour reverberation sessions, theater parties and other cultural events, planning workshops and panels on implementing our multicultural resolution; hosting and promoting concerts and community sings, participating in the annual Racial, Earth and Social Justice Kickoffs and conducting the first social justice survey, along with the Green Team and Social Action Committee; and collaborating with other groups on projects; e.g., Voter Registrar Training with the Prince George's County NAACP.

Recent Activities

- ◇ Leading a service, In Six Words (Janet Overton), based on the NPR Project, The Race Card Project;
- ◇ Hosting three Reverberations Sessions facilitated by Muriel Morisey and Peter Wathen-Dunn, which focused on barriers to multiculturalism at PBUUC;
- ◇ Collaborating with the Green Team and Social Action Committee for the first congregational survey to select social justice priorities for the year;

- ◇ Working with the Prince George's Peoples Coalition to support a march for Trayvon Martin and to support their work on behalf of Archie Elliott, a black man killed in Prince George's County while handcuffed and in police custody; and
- ◇ Developing a new leadership and meeting model for DARTT.

The Next Leg Of Our Journey

The well-attended 2013 Reverberation Sessions have provided participants opportunities to listen, share, and ask questions in a supportive environment utilizing a guided discussion format. DARTT's expansion of its leadership has provided a way for new voices to be equally heard.

We believe that we are all ready to move forward. So... If you:

- ◇ have been curious about issues related to race and racism but haven't known what or who to ask;
- ◇ have something to share and want to support others or join others in growth and learning;
- ◇ have wondered how you are connected to others who are different from you;
- ◇ wonder how people can be so unaware or insensitive at times;
- ◇ have noticed how your life experiences shape your thoughts, attitudes and assumptions and wonder about others' life experiences;
- ◇ have not had the opportunity to observe or engage in meaningful multicultural discussion and incorporate that richness into your own life (or if you have and want more);
- ◇ want to embrace multiculturalism but wonder where to start or where to start again;
- ◇ attended all or any of the first three Reverberations Sessions or missed all three;

Watch your Sunday Bulletin of the PBUUC Listserv and Facebook pages for the announcement of the next Enrichment Hour Reverberation Session. Join in! All are welcome!

DARTT is committed to supporting the congregation's journey by continuing to be creative, inviting, and responsive while providing opportunities for individuals and groups within the PBUUC community to continue to explore and expand our understanding of what it means to be a truly multiracial/multicultural congregation.

DARTT's regularly scheduled monthly meetings occur the first Tuesday of each month from 7:30pm to 9:30pm. These meetings are open and everyone is welcome! Our next Meeting is Tuesday, September 3, in Room 4 of the Religious Exploration Building. Our Agenda will be posted on PBUUC's Facebook Group. If you can't attend, you may send your input to DARTT@pbuuc.org

DARTT Notes: Pre-K to Prison Pipeline: Changing the Odds for Boys of Color. University of Maryland College Park Symposium

On Monday, September 9, the African American Studies Department, University of Maryland, College Park, will host an all day symposium from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and a closing panel discussion from 3 to 4:30 pm, *Pre-K to Prison Pipeline: Changing the Odds for Boys of Color*, at various venues on the College Park campus.

Educational and incarceration trends among boys of color remain a concern. The symposium and panel discussion will not only describe the problem, but also address prevention, recovery, and successful educational engagement of boys of color so that the Pre-K to Prison cycle can be broken. The event is free and open to the public and will conclude with a reception in the Driskell Center from 4:30 to 6 pm. For more information visit <http://www.aasd.umd.edu> or contact the African American Studies Department at 301-405-1158.

Social Action Committee (SAC) News

PBUUC LAUNCHES COMMUNITY TUTORING PROGRAM

In June 2011, PBUUC committed ourselves to becoming more actively involved with the neighboring community by starting our own tutoring program.



In June 2012, using our existing relationships we reached out to Casa de Maryland

(CASA), an organization with whom we had worked on passage of the Maryland DREAM Act. CASA, the largest immigrant advocacy organization in Maryland is a key partner in the national campaign for immigration reform.

In the fall of 2012, Carmelita Carter-Sykes, Coordinator of the Tutoring Program, Nancy Boardman, Chair of the Social Action Committee, and Diane Teichert, Minister of PBUUC, met with CASA officials who informed us that we could better serve the community by providing English language and citizenship assistance. Accordingly at the 2012 Social Action Kick Off we changed our focus to citizenship. From 2012 to 2013 several PBUUCers assisted teachers in CASA ESL classes and volunteered in CASA Citizenship and Deferred Action workshops. The 2013 Congregational Social Justice Survey indicated strong interest in our own PBUUC-based tutoring program.

The PBUUC Legacy Fund granted \$1,750 to start the program. Intercambio, a Colorado immigrant advocacy group, awarded a small grant by waiving the purchase fee for their volunteer training package.

Carmelita Carter-Sykes is working with Intercambio—a leader in the development of ESL materials, and with the founder of All Souls Church's ESL program to plan our program.

We are now ready to launch our next phase:

**Training will be Saturday, September 14,
from 9 am to 3 pm at PBUUC.**

Next Social Action Committee (SAC) Meeting:
Saturday, September 21, from 10 am to noon
in Room 1 of the RE Building

Special Collections Update

September's Special Collection will be taken on September 29th for the Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland. UULM-MD works to educate, mobilize and coordinate the advocacy of Maryland UUs on specific issues before the Maryland General Assembly. In the 2013 legislative session, UULM of MD was active in the ultimately successful passage of bills that did away with the death penalty and instituted increased gun regulations, and in the failed attempt to secure increased protections for transgender people. It played a leadership role in the 2012 referendum campaigns for Question 6 - Marriage Equality (our minister served as co-chair of UULM's effort on that) and Question 4 - the DREAM Act, both of which passed. UULM-MD's current issues include climate change, fracking, health care reform, and rights for transgender people. Please make checks payable to the UU Church of Annapolis with UULM-MD in the memo line and include your email address.

Stewardship Committee

The stewardship campaign is over. The purpose of this report is to let you know the current pledge total. It is \$289,000 from 128 pledging units. The goal was \$320,000. The projected total in May for the BLT was



\$297,000. The shortfall in the projection is due to several congregants who pledged last year, several of whom are still active, who did not pledge this year. I say congregants because we receive pledges from both friends and members. We received several great new pledges this year, and some increases as well, so don't be discouraged. We just did not have enough people to do the proper follow-up. Thank you to everyone who helped with the stewardship campaign in any way, especially the visiting stewards, the stewardship committee, and most importantly, everyone who pledged. Pledges are the lifeline of our church.

For the Stewardship Committee,
Sherry Mitchell

In and Around Paint Branch

ART HAPPENINGS



For the past months we have been enjoying artwork by members of the Laurel Art Guild, three of whom are members and friends of Paint Branch: Carol Clatterbuck, Trisha Coghlan and Jane Trout. Be sure to look at them because this exhibit will be finished after Labor Day.

Our next artist will be Sunil Sukla who will be exhibiting a series of his paintings entitled Joys of Daily Life. Sunil graduated from Dhaka University with a B.F.A. in Drawing and Painting. He has had many group and solo exhibitions of his works. As an immigrant from Bangladesh he has had many experiences of different climates, cultures, environments and people. His early paintings were watercolors, but now he uses various media, painting techniques and compositional styles to show daily life here and in Bangladesh. He also enjoys more abstract work.

Jane Trout, Visual Arts Committee

NEXT ETHNIC DINNER

AFTER 25 YEARS, IT'S ALL GREEK TO US

In May of 1988 PBUUC was deep in the process of planning our current Meeting House building which would include a magnificent large kitchen. We'd had at least two building fund campaigns, but projected costs kept rising. Then it was proposed that, to save some money, we could postpone finishing that kitchen. It would still be there, but would have no cabinets, counters, sinks or appliances until we could afford them at some later date. When I protested we needed to have it completed with the rest of the building, I was reminded people had already given or pledged all they could. Thinking of the popularity of the Oktoberfests we'd been doing annually for about 6 years, I suggested a series of similar fund-raiser dinners featuring the cuisines of other countries. The idea was presented to the congregation asking if they liked the concept, would attend the dinners and help do the work. We also asked each person to list the top 5 cuisines they'd like to see done. The overwhelming winner was Greece which received about 3 times the votes as the next most popular. A menu was planned, publicity done, tickets printed and sold, cooks and other volunteers recruited, and on November 5, 1988 we held our first PBUUC Ethnic Dinner. About 6 more dinners were produced between then and the completion of the new building, with a fully equipped kitchen, and money left over to purchase the warming oven and lots of Corelle dinnerware. Realizing we'd achieved our goal, people said, "You're not stopping the dinners are you?" We didn't, and on October 19 we will present our 63rd dinner, just a few weeks shy of the 25th anniversary of the first!

So, how do we celebrate a quarter century of what has now become a Paint Branch tradition? The Ethnic Dinner committee suggested and considered several ideas, and finally voted to finish the 25 years the way we began them, with a Greek dinner. Will it be the same menu? Not likely! We were novices in 1988. We have grown in knowledge and experience since then. This dinner will be so much better. What hasn't changed is the need for participation and volunteer help from all who enjoy these dinners and wish to see them go on, perhaps for another 25 years.

The Greek dinner will be on Saturday, October 19 at 6:30 pm, and tickets will be sold (\$15 per adult) on the three preceding Sundays, September 29, October 6 & 13. A Menu Meeting will be held during Enrichment Hour on Sunday, September 22, open to all who wish to help plan the menu. But, for this dinner we will also solicit, welcome and consider additional ideas to make this dinner special - a real anniversary celebration!

Have ideas, questions, want to help, or see a list of all 62 dinners done so far? Contact Marilyn Pearl, at 301-805-1218, or buffalo_gal@verizon.com.

Music at Paint Branch in September



This month we will feature our own David Chapman, pianist and Barbara Brown, cellist in recital on Sunday, September 15 at 4 pm. This recital is free but donations will be graciously accepted. A reception will follow.

Support the musical arts at Paint Branch. The program is as follows:

- Sonata No. 2 in g minorBeethoven
- Sonata for cello and piano.....Francis Poulenc
- Sonata for cello and piano.....Sergey Rachmaninoff

Submitted by Jeri Holloway

HOUSE BAND FORMING!

Musicians interested in forming a House Band at PBUUC should contact David Chapman at cochap@msn.com. Maybe you know a member, a member's spouse (or family member), or a friend of PBUUC that might be a good candidate for this potentially gratifying contribution to the music program. Of course, a certain amount of proficiency and musicality is required. A house band could add even more vitality and variety to the PBUUC services! The group could perform once a month, every six weeks... or when they felt ready to add their pizzazz to the worship service.

INVOLVEMENTS FAIR

Sunday, September 15

On our beautiful new deck after the service

Tables will be set up all around the deck before the service by the building manager. Group leaders are encouraged to find a table and set up colorful and informational displays before the service, first come, first served.

This is a fun and informative way to show the many ways PBUUC members and friends can become involved.

Visitors and newcomers are especially welcome.
Bring friends and family!

In and Around Paint Branch, cont'd

Why Was There a Tractor Trailer in the Parking Lot?

During early August, you may have noticed a massive shipping container parked in the back row of the church parking lot accompanied by a handful of laughing, smiling children and adults eagerly loading furniture, toys, and even full-size vehicles into the container. Members of the Born's in Cameroon organization have been collecting donations from the area to benefit their orphanage and bible school in Bamenda, Cameroon. Not having a sufficiently-sized facility of their own, they rented space in the PBUUC parking lot to be able to load the truck.

For the past eight years, the Born's have succeeded in their mission of rescuing orphans, training students in the Word of God, hosting short term service projects, and partnering with other ministries to help meet the needs in Cameroon. They are dedicated advocates for the Cameroonians with the vision of teaching the Cameroonians to support themselves and their villages.

Since 2004, Tim and Sara Born, founders of the Born's in Cameroon, actively participated in and led mission service trips and witnessed the positive impact those trips had on the participants and communities they helped. A partnership with another ministry, Win Our Nations (WON), in 2009, resulted in the creation of an orphanage, followed closely by a bible school for the surrounding village. The donation drives they host during their trips to America help increase awareness and provide additional support for their ongoing projects. For more information, visit www.thebornsagain.com.

Submitted by *Allie Miraglia*,

PBUUC Administrative Assistant — March-August, 2013

THE CHALICE DANCERS

'Calling all who Dance in their Heart!'

The Chalice Dancers are a UU liturgical dance group here at Paint Branch. We participate in services about 5 or 6 times a year and present a dance service in the spring. The Chalice Dancers, led by our director Sharon Werth, will be offering an open rehearsal on Saturday, September 14 at 9:30 am. We encourage anyone who enjoys moving to music whether you are an experienced dancer or a non-dancer to come and join us.

This is a no obligation rehearsal designed to give everyone an opportunity to come and experience the joy of dance and the camaraderie of our dance group. We gather around 9:15 in the meeting house to converse and catch up with each other. We then begin rehearsal promptly at 9:30 with Sharon's famous warm-ups and will practice some technique as well. We may also work on something new for the fall program or review one of our simpler dances that we have previously performed. The rehearsal ends at 10:30 am.

We hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Schlegel at wanschlegel@gmail.com or Sharon Werth at sbodul@comcast.net.

TWedHUULK Wednesday, September 18

Come to Lunch on Wednesday, September 18 at 1:00 at the new Curry Leaf in Laurel. All are invited to join the Third Wednesday Handy UU Lunch Klub (TWedHUULK) for this new restaurant's buffet. The chef is the former cook at Udupi of Langley Park which closed a year ago much to the sorrow of its fans. The mix of northern and southern Indian dishes and wonderful Indian breads is inexpensive. We will be in a party room where we can have an easy conversation. If you need a ride or can give a ride to someone else please contact Marge Owens on lowellandmarge@verizon.net or 301-345-1572. The restaurant is on the right in a strip shopping center at 13919 Baltimore Ave.

HELP WANTED

Michel Léger's sermon on September 1st is on a new vision for Leadership at PBUUC. A quick scan of the many "TBD", "Vacant" and "temporary" listings for committee and the PBUUC Leadership Directory on page 2 of this issue makes it clear there are many opportunities for PBUUC Members and Friends to contribute to building our intentional community. In addition to those vacancies, we also sent out a request to staff and Lay Leaders to identify others areas of need and here are their responses.

Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Record, put out for review and produce minutes of Board of Trustees meetings; update binders in Office with minutes, agendas and reports for each meeting; provide annual review of membership rolls to Board and handle follow-up communications; other minor duties described in PBUUC Bylaws. Note: the Secretary must be a Member of PBUUC. The Board generally meets on the fourth Tuesday night of the month, except if it conflicts with November and December holidays. Contact: Don Gerson, Co-Chair, Donaldgerson@yahoo.com or 240-293-6570.

We Care Coordinators

Helps PBUUC be a caring community by matching PBUUC volunteers with congregants in short-term need of rides, meals, calls, cards, visits and hosting memorial service receptions. Coordinators rotate one month every three or four months, for a two-year term. They meet with the minister once every six weeks to review and plan. Meetings are held once every 4-6 weeks, on weekdays in the daytime mutually-convenient. Contact: Diane at minister@pbuuc.org or 301-937-3666, or Allison Hughes, Esther Nichols or Genie Van Pelt.

Host for Newcomers Gatherings in Minister's Office

Open the office just before 11:30, provide very light snacks for 4-8 people and participate in the conversation led by Diane which ends at 12:30. One year commitment, Sunday dates mutually agreed upon. Note: this task is shared between two people so each does it six times/year. Contact: Rev. Diane Teichert, minister@pbuuc.org or 301-937-3666.

Office Volunteer

Join our team of volunteers that work in the church office once a week or every other week, answering phones, greeting visitors, and performing clerical duties. The only requirement is a sunny disposition. Contact: Chuck Bury churchadmin@pbuuc.org

RE Supply Organizer

The RE storage closet is in need of re-organizing and purging. With 2-3 people this task could be completed in 4-6 hours. Timing is flexible and can be coordinated directly with the DRE. Contact: Dayna Edwards dre@pbuuc.org

Bulletin Board Designer

This is perfect for teachers (or former teachers) or those with a creative streak. We have several bulletin boards that need to be re-created and designed. This will take 2-3 hours (max) and will include consultation with the DRE so that the bulletin boards are appropriate to the activities of the room. All needed supplies will be provided. Contact: Dayna Edwards dre@pbuuc.org

Story Box Makers

Spirit Play requires special boxes that hold the "props" used to tell the story each week. Story box makers would collect and/or

make the props for the story and place them in the box and return the finished box to the DRE. The story, the box and the materials list will be given to you in advance. Families may enjoy making these together and discussing the story as they make the box. It takes about 1-2 hours to create a complete box. The turn-around time on the boxes would be between 2-4 weeks. Contact: Dayna Edwards dre@pbuuc.org

RE Library and Game Maintenance

In the hospitality room there is a well-organized borrowing library with books and games. A volunteer is needed to re-shelve the games/books and ensure continued proper organization. This task should take no more than one hour every two weeks or so and could easily be done on a Sunday. Contact: Dayna Edwards dre@pbuuc.org

Visual Arts

The Visual Arts Committee needs help with hanging exhibits. Necessary skills include climbing ladders and lifting artworks which may weigh up to twenty pounds. Help is needed at random times and only every two months. Contact: Jane Trout at jd_trout@msn.com

Ethnic Dinner Committee member

Participate in the on-going administrative tasks of producing 3 Ethnic Dinners per year with most discussion and decision making (dates, themes, etc.). Done via email, except one meeting held prior to each dinner at which the menu for that dinner is created. Period Membership is for life, or whatever portion thereof the member wishes. Contact: Marilyn Pearl 301-805-1218 buffalo_gal@verizon.net

Spirit of Life Center Volunteer

Set up rooms, register participants and close up building once a month from 9 am to 1 pm. Six months to one year commitment. Contact: Raman Pathik, 301-412-5112.

Kitchen "Parent"

Develop and communicate policies to ensure our kitchens and kitchen supplies stay clean, green, and orderly. Develop policies for use of the kitchens and dining supplies (such as table cloths) by third-party renters to limit as much as possible the use of disposable products. Contact: Chuck Bury churchadmin@pbuuc.org

Sound Room Organizers

A team of two or three to re-organize the metal shelving units and far corner of the Sound Room in the Meeting House. One-time task. 6-8 hours. Contact: Rev. Diane Teichert, minister@pbuuc.org or 301-937-3666.

Acoustics Advisor

Assess acoustics in Kelley Room and Lower Level of RE Building when both are in use. Advise church on how to minimize the problems. Short-term project. Time commitment depends on previous knowledge. Contact: Chuck Bury, churchadmin@pbuuc.org or 301-937-3666.

Welcome Table Greeters

Welcome Table Greeters are an important part of a good Sunday morning experience for members and newcomers. We're looking for a cadre of five to eight people who would agree to greet on a specific Sunday. Greeters also cover the early and late Christmas Eve Services. Schedules can be arranged to fit with other Sunday morning duties; e.g., Choir, Chalice Dancers, Ushers, Coffee. Contact Carol Carter Walker at carolcarter-walker@earthlink.net or 202-636-8138



Spirit of Life Center

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 Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church
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The Spirit of Life Center welcomes individuals from the local community to practice enriching activities through a variety of classes and workshops that are designed to promote a better quality of life, health, and connection with others

CHANGING DIRECTION DOES NOT HAVE TO BE DIFFICULT!

“The intuitive mind is a sacred gift and the rational mind is a faithful servant. We have created a society that honors the servant and has forgotten the gift.” --Albert Einstein

The Spirit of Life Center is devoted to bringing our inner and outer mind into harmony with each other through our *Breath Awareness Practice*, *Quality of Life Workshop*, and *Simplicity Circle Workshop*, starting September 7, 2013. These programs will help you to take baby steps towards becoming a healthy, happy, and loving person. You can be a role model for your family and community. Read these descriptions of what to expect in these workshops and decide for yourself whether these workshops can be the start of your evolution:

“Your breath anchors you to life. Being aware of your breathing will make you aware of your life”

Breath Awareness Practice: by Raman Pathik

Saturday 10 am - 10:30 am

Another way of looking at your breath is as an inner light house to guide you back to the present moment. The goal of breath awareness is to allow you to spend as much of your life in the present as possible, instead of the future or the past; staying on the path of the now is the road that leads to happiness.

Quality of Life Workshop: by Raman Pathik

Saturday 10:30 am - 12 pm

What does "quality of life" mean to you? Develop a blueprint to implement better habits that will improve the balance in your life. Experience connecting with your true self, nature, your family, your community, your finances, your body, and the world.

Simplicity Circle Workshop: by Simplicity Matters Earth Institute

Saturday 12 pm - 1 pm

Simple living is about making conscious choices about what you do with your time, your money, and your energy. Simple living is about mindfulness, *not* deprivation. Simple living is about focusing your energies on what you personally consider important, and improving your quality of life as a result. Six sessions following the workbook.

Each one of these workshops is a comprehensive six-week program taking place on Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church. For more information, contact Raman Pathik at 301-890-9072 or email solcc@pbuuc.org. A special suggested donation of \$50 covers all three workshops for six weeks. The Simplicity Circle workbook is an extra \$28.

Class sizes are limited; RSVP required.

Note to Our Readers:

The Church Administrator is responsible for the production of the newsletter.

SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES FOR BRANCHES: All submissions for inclusion in Branches should be submitted by email to: branches@pbuuc.org.

The Leadership Directory, (on page 2 of this issue), will contain names only. For more contact information, please consult your Membership Directory or call the Church Office at 301-937-3666. All submitted articles will contain phone numbers and or email addresses for contact if listed. You may choose to list your email address only as a point of contact.

Editorial Guidelines

- The deadline for submission of articles and other content to Branches is on the **20th day of every month**, except during the holidays.
- Articles should be submitted in their final form and content should be **250** words or less. Please submit the name of the author and any other contact information as necessary. **Reminder: Articles significantly over the 250 word limit may be returned to the author for re-editing.**
- The deadline for submission of announcements and other content to appear in the Sunday Order of Service Bulletin is **every Wednesday at 12 noon**.
- **Sunday Bulletin announcements** should be submitted in their final form, and content should be **120** words or less. Please try to keep announcements one paragraph with a clear headline or topic sentence. Please include day, date, location, time, and contact information. Announcements should be PBUUC related, non-PBUUC events must have explicitly stated UU connection.

All deadlines are now on the web calendar. Go to www.pbuuc.org. Scroll down to “This Week” and click on “More Upcoming Events.” Click on the Calendar grid to the left to advance to the next month.

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